

## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

In a network system to which a plurality of computers and a plurality of input-output apparatuses are connected, a layout diagram showing locations of the input-output apparatuses is displayed on a display means and icons each representing one of the input-output apparatuses are displayed over the layout diagram at locations corresponding to the locations at which the apparatuses are actually installed. The user clicks one of the icons representing a desired one of the input-output apparatuses by using a device such as a mouse in order to specify the desired apparatus. As a result, a desired input-output apparatus can be selected correctly.